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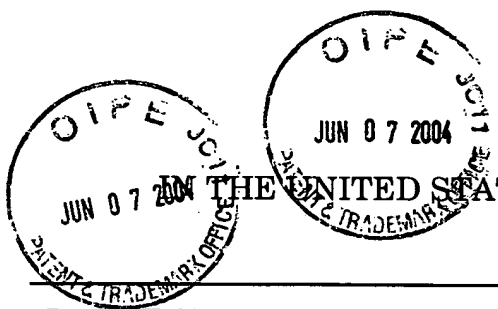
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**For:** LENS BARREL HAVING A FLARE  
DIAPHRAGM WHICH CAN ADVANCE INTO  
AND RETREAT FROM THE OPTICAL PATH  
TO ELEIMINATE DETERIOUS LIGHT  
RESULTING FROM MOVEMENT OF THE  
LENS

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to the knowledge of the undersigned signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, other than the Japanese publications JP 62-51929 and JP 60-194414 no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement is known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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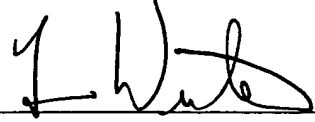
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